WASHINGTON, **D.C.** – Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez (CA-47) today issued the following statement applauding House passage of H. Res. 1219, designating the month of September as *National Child Awareness Month*

. The bill was introduced by Rep. Ken Calvert (CA-44) and Rep. Sanchez as the lead Democrat on March 25, 2010.

"The future of our country lies with America's children," said Rep. Sanchez. "National Child Awareness Month

would recognize that reality, as well as the contributions of organizations that provide kids with access to healthcare, social services, education, and other important resources. These are the kinds of smart investments that will help our children grow and develop into responsible, productive citizens. I was proud to work with my colleague from California, Rep. Ken Calvert, to introduce this resolution and hope the Senate will quickly introduce a companion resolution."

H. Res. 1219 supports the designation of a National Child Awareness Month in order to promote awareness of children's charities and youth-serving organizations across the United States. The bill recognizes their efforts on behalf of children and youth as a critical contribution to the future of America.